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Dear Commissioner for Patents:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 29, 2000, Applicant offers the following amendment and remarks.

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